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SUBJECT: EXIM FINANCING

1. WHITING ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL, 63 CROYDON ROAD, LONDON SE-20 (TEL 778-9880), A GROUP OF US ARCHITECTS, HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN DETERMINING WHETHER EXIM CAN ASSIST IN FINANCING ARCHITECTURAL STUDIES AND DESIGNS CONNECTED WITH THE REPUBLIC MEDICAL CENTER IN BAGHDAD.
2. BASIC MEDICAL CENTER CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BETWEEN WHITING ASSOCIATES AND GOI MINISTRY OF WORKS DATES FROM 1959. ON NOVEMBER 15, 1973, WHITING ASSOCIATES AND MINISTRY OF WORKS ADDED ANNEX TO BASIC CONTRACT WHICH CALLS FOR:

- A) TENDER ANALYSIS - OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT
  - B) UP-DATE OF DESIGNS FOR 250 BED CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND 150 ROOM PRIVATE HOSPITAL
  - C) PREPARATION OF DESIGN AND TENDER DOCUMENTS FOR
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NEW SURGICAL HOSPITAL WITH OUT-PATIENT CLINIC, 600 BED

GENERAL HOSPITAL AND 42 BED INTENSIVE CARE WARD

D) DESIGN OF TWO AUDITORIA FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS  
(250 PERSON CAPACITY) AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE HALL  
(350 PERSON CAPACITY).

E) GENERAL OVERALL SUPERVISION OF ABOVE PROJECTS

3. TOTAL COST OF ABOVE CONSTRUCTION, SOME OF WHICH NOW  
IN PROGRESS AND WHICH WILL BE BUILT OVER NEXT 6 YEARS,  
ESTIMATED AT FROM \$40 TO \$50 MILLION. ALTHOUGH SUPPLY  
OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT WILL BE BY PUBLIC TENDER, WHITING  
ADVISES MINISTRY OF WORKS WANTS US ORIGIN EQUIPMENT AND  
SPECIFICATIONS SO BEING WRITTEN. THEREFORE GOOD CHANCE  
US EQUIPMENT, VALUED AT UP TO \$20 MILLION, WILL BE IN-  
CORPORATED IN MEDICAL CENTER COMPLEX.

4. ANNEX TO BASIC CONTRACT INVOLVED FEE OF \$1.5 MILLION,  
HOWEVER, GOI DOES NOT MAKE ADVANCE PAYMENTS. WHITING  
ASSOCIATES EXPECTS FIRST INSTALLMENT OF \$100,000 IN LATE  
JUNE AND DUE TO TIGHT CASH FLOW POSITION HAS INQUIRED  
WHETHER EXIM COULD ASSIST IN FINANCING, IN WHOLE OR PART,  
THE COSTS INVOLVED OF THESE BASIC STUDIES.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER EXIM CAN  
ASSIST WHITING ASSOCIATES IN FINANCING THESE  
ENGINEERING DESIGNS FOR BAGHDAD MEDICAL RESEARCH CENTER  
AND, IF SO, HOW WHITING ASSOCIATES SHOULD GO ABOUT  
OBTAINING SUCH ASSISTANCE.

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